

CHAPTER XCV.

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As strange as it may appear, and equally as contrary to what was at first hoped for or expected, it is none the less an important and well established fact connected with the history of American slavery that many of the



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now paying industries of the South were born in crude negro huts, as were also many of the modern and improved implements now so useful in the agricultural and domestic arts. In many cases, however, the idea was seized by the stronger and more active element, who